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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Michael Billups, DOB July 17, 1984, of Janesville, Wisconsin, was sentenced yesterday by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 78 months in prison, to be followed by five years of supervised release, for distribution of crack cocaine in Beloit, Wisconsin. Billups pleaded guilty to this charge on August 1, 2006.

Billups' sentence was based on his involvement in the sale of approximately 25 grams of crack cocaine during February through May 2006. He was arrested as part of a drug sweep in Beloit by local, state, and federal law enforcement in May.

United States Attorney Peterson stated, "This guilty verdict is another great example of what can be achieved through the cooperative efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement."

The charges against Michael Billups were the result of a joint investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the State Line Area Narcotics Team, the Beloit Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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